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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MIXED GROUP MEETINGS IN ZAIRE

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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL BRUSSELS GROUP DECIDED THAT: "THE
DISTRIBUTION OF THIS (EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE) AID WILL BE WORKED OUT BY

COMMON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES OF ZAIRE AND THE DONOR
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COUNTRIES OR ORGANIZATIONS, BILATERALLY OR BY A JOINT AND
INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE, WHICH THE DELEGATION OF ZAIRE SUGGESTED
BE CREATED AND WHICH WOULD STUDY THE TERMS OF MANAGING THE AID."

2. BELGIAN EMBASSY CALLED MEETING ON JUNE 28 OF AMBASSADORS
FROM GERMANY, CANADA, FRANCE, UK, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS
AND U.S. AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EEC, IBRD AND EUROPEAN

FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT TO DISCUSS CREATION OF A JOINT COMMITTEE. ANOTHER MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 10 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR DISCUSSING JOINT COMMITTEE WITH ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT: WE SEE VALUE OF JOINT COMMITTEE AS SOURCE OF COORDINATION AND INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION POINT BETWEEN DONORS AND GOZ. SOME EMBASSIES, PARTICULARLY BELGIANS, WISH TO CHANNEL THEIR ASSISTANCE THROUGH COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF LOGISTICAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS IN DISTRIBUTING ASSISTANCE. AS OF NOW, WE BELIEVE THAT USG ASSISTANCE CAN BE MOST APPROPRIATELY CHanneled BILATERALLY. DURING COURSE OF PAST SEVERAL YEARS WE HAVE ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH GOZ AUTHORITIES IN DEVELOPING MODALITIES WHICH TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION USG STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTS. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEND PREPARATORY MEETINGS CALLED BY BELGIANS AND MEETINGS OF JOINT COMMITTEE IF AND WHEN IT IS ORGANIZED; HOWEVER, WE WILL MAKE CLEAR OUR INTENTION TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE GOZ BILATERALLY IN IMPLEMENTING OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
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